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In the application of: :  
GARY DEAN LAVON, et al. : Confirmation No.: 4986  
Serial No.: 09/911,108 : Group Art Unit: 3738  
Filed: July 23, 2001 : Examiner: J. A. Webb

For: ABSORBENT ARTICLES COMPRISING A MATERIAL HAVING A HIGH  
VERTICAL WICKING CAPACITY

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Statement(s) Regarding Previous Citations of References

Due to an inadvertent error, U.S. Re. 26,152 was listed in the IDS submitted on 26 November 2002. This reference is irrelevant to the present Application and need not be considered by the Examiner. The intended reference was to U.S. Re. 26,151 issued to Duncan, *et al.* on 31 January 1967, which reference is correctly listed in the present IDS.

Due to an inadvertent error, the applicant's name in the PCT reference WO 91/10413 was listed as "Young, et al." in the IDS submitted on 26 November 2003. While Young et al. are the inventors, the actual applicant is Weyerhaeuser. It is requested that the listing be corrected in order to ensure that the correct citation will be listed on the face of any patent granted from the present Application.

Due to an inadvertent error, the applicant's name in the PCT reference WO 91/16871 was listed as "Kioezm et ak," in the IDS submitted on 26 November 2003. The actual applicants are Lopez et al. It appears that the typist's right hand was misplaced by one key to the left on the keyboard, resulting in "Kio" being typed instead of "Lop", in "m" being typed instead of a comma, and in "k," being typed instead of "l." It is requested that the listing be corrected in order to ensure that the correct citation will be listed on the face of any patent granted from the present Application.

Due to an inadvertent error, the applicant's name in the PCT reference WO 95/17870 was listed as "Guidotti, et al." in the IDS submitted on 26 November 2003. While Guidotti et al. are the inventors, the actual applicant is Mölnlycke. It is requested that the listing be corrected in order to ensure that the correct citation will be listed on the face of any patent granted from the present Application.

Due to an inadvertent error, the applicant's name in the UK reference GB 1 411 087 was listed as "Willington" in the IDS submitted on 26 November 2003. While Willington is the inventor, the actual applicant is Kanga. In addition, the GB number was erroneously formatted with commas instead of spaces. It is requested that the listing be corrected in order to ensure that the correct citation will be listed on the face of any patent granted from the present Application.

Due to an inadvertent error, the applicant's name in the UK reference GB 2 042 342 was listed as "Herng-Lin" in the IDS submitted on 26 November 2003. The actual family name of the applicant is TIEN and Herng-Lin is the applicant's given name. In addition, the GB number was erroneously formatted with commas instead of spaces. It is requested that the listing be corrected in order to ensure that the correct citation will be listed on the face of any patent granted from the present Application.

Due to an inadvertent error, the applicant's name in the UK reference GB 2 295 321 was listed as "Faulks, et al." in the IDS submitted on 26 November 2003. While Faulks et al. are the inventors, the actual applicant is Kimberly-Clark. In addition, the GB number was erroneously formatted with commas instead of spaces. It is requested that the listing be corrected in order to ensure that the correct citation will be listed on the face of any patent granted from the present Application.

Due to an inadvertent error, the applicant's name in the Japanese reference JP 6121812 was listed as "Hideko" in the IDS submitted on 26 November 2003. The actual family name of the applicant is IMAMURA and Hideko is the applicant's given name. In addition, the actual applicant is Arisu Adobenchiyaa. It is requested that the listing be corrected to show the applicant's name in order to ensure that the correct citation will be listed on the face of any patent granted from the present Application.

Due to an inadvertent error, the applicant's name in the European reference EP 0 584 757 B1 was listed as "Fujioka, et al." in the IDS submitted on 26 November 2003. While Fujioka et al. are the inventors, the actual applicant is Uni-Charm. It is requested that the listing be corrected in order to ensure that the correct citation will be listed on the face of any patent granted from the present Application.

Due to an inadvertent error, the applicant's name in the European reference EP 0 585 766 B1 was listed as "Fujioka, et al." in the IDS submitted on 26 November 2003. While Fujioka et al. are the inventors, the actual applicant is Uni-Charm. It is requested that the listing be corrected in order to ensure that the correct citation will be listed on the face of any patent granted from the present Application.

Due to an inadvertent error, the applicant's name in the Chinese reference CN 2073744U was listed as "Shuanggen" in the IDS submitted on 12 January 2004. The actual family name of the applicant is YAN and Shuanggen is the applicant's given name. It is requested that the listing be corrected in order to ensure that the correct citation will be listed on the face of any patent granted from the present Application.

Respectfully submitted,

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